



BRIEFING: BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #7

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Thomas C. Fellenz, Chief Counsel, CHSRA

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RE: California High Speed Rail Authority Organizational Conflict of Interest Policy

Background

The HSRA has adopted an organizational conflict of interest policy in September 2011 which prescribes ethical standards of conduct applicable to persons or entities entering into contracts with the California High Speed Rail Authority as authorized under section 185000 et seq. of the California Public Utilities Code, and applies to subcontractors as well as prime contractors.

This Policy is supplemental to the Authority's general Conflict of Interest Code and does not modify or supersede any requirements in that Code.

Discussion

This Policy is intended to accomplish the following goals:

1. Promote integrity, competitiveness transparency and fairness in the Authority's procurements and contracts;
2. Prevent bidders and proposers from obtaining or appearing to obtain an unfair competitive advantage with respect to the Authority's procurements and contracts;
3. Provide guidance to enable contractors to make informed decisions while conducting business with the Authority; and
4. Protect the Authority's interests and confidential and sensitive information concerning the High-Speed Rail ("HSR") Project.

Attachments

California High-Speed Rail Authority Organizational Conflict of Interest Policy